

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. The application is believed to be in allowable condition.

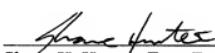
Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 11, 15-18, 51-54, 56-72, and 74-77.

Claims 46 and 49 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,601,044 (Wallman). Applicants have cancelled these claims, without prejudice, rendering the rejections of these claims moot.

Although Applicants believe no fees are due with this submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 24309-501.

Applicants respectfully request that a notice of allowance be issued. To answer any questions, or otherwise further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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